

COMMENT OF
THE DAY

An Agreeable
Agreement

OBSCURED by the welter of cabled speculations about the forthcoming Big Four "summit" conference, the brief and not very informative reports of the agreement between South Africa and Britain for the transfer of the Simonstown naval base have probably escaped public attention.

To the Western world, however, the agreement is of first importance. The overriding factor is that the transfer maintains, indeed strengthens, the strategic position of the Commonwealth in a vital area.

Governing the agreement is the mutual recognition that South Africa must be defended from aggression. It is, therefore, especially significant that the South African government undertakes to provide military and air forces for use against aggression from outside the territory of South Africa. Nor is this all. The South African Navy is to be expanded as a contribution to forces available for controlling the sea, with concentration on anti-submarine frigates, mine-sweepers and other defence craft.

IN view of this development of naval power it is natural that South Africa should desire to have its own base in the same way that other members of the Commonwealth have theirs. Nevertheless, in agreeing to the transfer, the British government has obtained an acceptable quid pro quo. Firm guarantees have been given to safeguard Britain's position. The Royal Navy will continue to have the use of the base both in peace and war, even in the event of a war in which South Africa is not involved. And the concession applies also in war to ships of Britain's allies.

Other advantages are also evident. For example, on transfer of the base the present Commander-in-Chief South Atlantic, an officer of the Royal Navy, will become Commander-in-Chief of a strategic zone—a post comparable to a NATO command. Moreover, in peacetime he will guide the planning and organisation of the South African Navy and in a time of war will become supreme naval commander of the area with operational control of South African and other allied ships assigned to him.

TWO other features of the agreement can also be regarded with satisfaction. A joint planning committee for maritime war is to be set up and the way left open for the association of other governments in defence of the zone. This means that France, Belgium and Portugal, who are directly concerned with the security of Africa, can, if they so desire, become active partners in a consolidated defence scheme.

Provision is also made in the transfer agreement for British work people and technicians at present employed at the Simonstown base to be gradually replaced by South Africans, who will first be sent to Britain for training. But—and here is a surprising and welcome concession by the South African government—there will be no bar to recruitment of non-Europeans and no discrimination against them either in rates of pay or in security of their employment.

It is difficult to imagine a more agreeable agreement, than that which has been reached over Simonstown, and if it is to be the guide for future relations between the two countries there need be little fear of a secession of South Africa from the British Commonwealth.

HONGKONG'S SQUATTERS

Samurai Sword Slaying

US Marine Convicted

Tacoma, July 13. A 29-year-old decorated Marine veteran of two Jims, Harvey J. Collins, was convicted on Tuesday night of the "Samurai sword" slaying of an elderly motel operator during a holdup attempt near here four months ago.

The jury, which deliberated 29 hours, decreed death by hanging.

Andrew Stolen, 74, was fatally hacked and his elderly wife critically injured in the attacks last March 21. Collins, who brought the weapon back as a war souvenir, pleaded innocent by reason of insanity. He contended his act, as well as two previous slayings of a woman and a child, were the result of battle neurosis. Collins was said also to have confessed killing Mrs Edna Iona Hall, 37, of Louisville, Kentucky, and service station operator Edward Morley in a holdup near here on February 7.

He reportedly confessed that while he was an Army Captain stationed near Fort Knox, Kentucky, he accompanied Mrs Hall home from a roadhouse. When she resisted his advances, he beat her to death and buried her body.—Associated Press.

Sub-Editor Sacked For Refusing To Answer Questions

A New York Times sub-editor was dismissed by his newspaper today a few hours after he had refused to tell a Senate internal security subcommittee whether or not he had ever been a Communist.

The sub-editor, Melvin A. Barnett, swore that he had not been a Communist for more than ten years.

Youths Incited By Priest

Nicosia, July 13. Six students under 15 years of age and a priest appeared in court at Famagusta today on charges of tearing down the Union Jack.

The priest, Pappanicolos Haralambos, was accused of leading the youths. His case was postponed to October 21 and he was released on bail.

In Nicosia, demonstrators paraded the streets tonight in a non-violent protest against British bases on Cyprus and against the tripartite talks on the Cyprus situation in London. Police stood by but did not stop the demonstration.

Maria Conderloda, 37, of Amalandos appeared in court at Famagusta on charges of possessing 180 rounds of Bren gun ammunition, three fuses, 34 sticks of dynamite and three detonators. Her bail was fixed at £100 and her case was postponed to August 11. Defence counsel insisted that Nicosia police had mistreated her.—United Press.

FOREST FIRE

Nicosia, July 13. A large forest fire broke out in the area of the north Cyprus mountain range tonight. Officials estimated it was raging through an area one and a half miles across. Its cause was unknown.

Fire-fighters were rushed to the area called Camilla from all over the island. The blaze was reported to be spreading late tonight.

Police said that at about the time the fire began, shots were fired from a car into a policeman's house in Nicosia.—China Mail Special.

Latest Figures Given House Of Commons BUILDING PROGRAMME

London, July 13. The Colonial Secretary, Mr Alan Lennox-Boyd, told a questioner in the House of Commons today a rough estimate of the number of squatters now in Hongkong was 120,000.

He was replying to Mr Reginald Sorensen, Labour, who had asked what was now the estimated squatter population of Hongkong; what was the estimated number of new arrivals in the period January to March; how many housing units had been provided in the past five years and how many were in the course of construction, and what was the total cost involved in the task of providing proper accommodation for the squatters.

In a written reply Mr Lennox-Boyd said: A rough estimate of the number of squatters now in Hongkong is 120,000. Separate figures are not kept for persons returning to Hongkong and those arriving for the first time but in all some 149,000 arrived in the period January to March.

During the same period 153,000 persons left the Colony.

A total of 27,000 homes have been provided in the past five years and approval has been given for building another 12,500, nearly all of which should be finished by about May 1956.

Capital expenditure so far incurred or planned is about HK\$50 million. In addition there is heavy recurrent expenditure.—Reuter.

Naval Rating Found Guilty

Portsmouth, July 13. A seaman in the Royal Navy submarine service, Able Seaman Michael Ronald Andrews, was found guilty at a court martial of a charge regarding security regulations. He was sentenced to three months detention.

Andrews has been charged under the Naval Discipline Act for failing to heed a warning that he should not reveal certain information which had come to him in the performance of his duties.

The court was cleared "in the interests of the defence of the realm" when the brief trial began in the low-beamed wooden wardroom of the historic British warship Victory, flagship of Lord Nelson at the battle of Trafalgar in 1805.

It was opened 2½ hours later for the verdict and then closed again while the defence made a plea of mitigation before sentence was passed.—China Mail Special.

Ministers Criticised By Bulganin

Moscow, July 13. Soviet ministers were criticised by Premier Bulganin for failure to press forward with the most advanced industrial techniques—automation, electrification and the use of atomic energy—in a report to the Communist Party Central Committee, it was disclosed tonight.

Marshall Bulganin announced that the five-year plan for industrial production was fulfilled in four years four months by last May, according to Tass, the Soviet news agency.

But the report, which was adopted, said the level of mechanisation and automation in industry, transport and building was not yet high enough. The main reason was inefficient direction from ministers. Lack of ministerial control over research stations was also blamed.

Marshall Bulganin said a new Soviet policy to bring into play the latest technological processes, including automation, tele-mechanics, radio-televisive and electronic.—Soviet Press.

Helicopter Crashes On Rooftop

New York, July 13. A helicopter crashed and exploded on the edge of its rooftop heliport in congested Lower Manhattan today, injuring its two occupants and showering flaming wreckage on streets clogged with traffic and pedestrians 16 floors below.

Police blamed the accident on the fact that an auxiliary power generator was not detached from the helicopter before it took off on a scheduled photographic mission over Staten Island.

The Bell 47-G helicopter rose to the length of the cable connecting it to the generator and then was snapped back to the rooftop where it smashed and burned, the police said.

The sound of the crash was heard over a wide area and immediately raised fears of disasters like those in 1946 when planes crashed into the Empire State building and another skyscraper.

FLUTTERED LIKE BIRD

The Port of New York Authority helicopter cracked up on top of the 16-story First Authority building at Ninth Avenue and 16th Street, it suddenly fluttered like a wounded bird and smashed into the edge of the roof.

The aircraft narrowly missed crashing into the 16th floor, where a number of persons were at work. The engine ripped loose and fell. A piece of wing crashed through a window on that floor, leaving a scarred desk as the only damage. Flaming gasoline streamed down the side of the building. The police below picked up bits of wreckage over a one-block area.

No one on the street was reported injured.

BADLY INJURED

The pilot, Marcel Chevalier, and Arthur Truss, 35, Port Authority photographer, both were rushed to hospital, where Truss was reported in "very bad condition."

Calls were sent for a Fire Department rescue squad and a police emergency squad.

New Yorkers recalled the crash of a US Army B-25 into the Empire State building in which 16 persons were killed and the crash of an Army C-47 into the Manhattan Company building, killing five persons.—United Press.

A Careless Burglar

Darwin, July 13. Darwin police are seeking a man named "Australia's 'Dumbest' burglar" after a robbery here. He cut a hole in a corrugated iron wall of a main street store with tin snips, reached through, opened the door and walked into the shop.

He attacked an unlocked cash register with a screw-driver and a jemmy, and missed £440 (£32) for the taking had he merely turned the drawer handle.

He then rummaged through a metal cupboard, took a small glass jar containing £22 (£12s. sterling) in silver, but left the contents of the jar on the floor. A cigarette in his hand was found by the police. He was wearing a dark suit and a hat. He was seen by a witness. — China Mail Special.

For Geneva Talks...

West See Eye To Eye

Washington, July 13. Mr John Foster Dulles, the Secretary of State, left here tonight by air for Paris after a last-minute talk with President Eisenhower about next week's Big Four conference.

Mr Dulles, who was accompanied by top advisers, said in a prepared statement that he did not expect great decisions of substance to be taken by the heads of government.

He said the Western allies "see eye to eye" on matters likely to come up at Geneva. But the conference "will be a beginning and not an end."

"It is not to be expected that great decisions of substance will be made there," Mr Dulles said. "What is to be hoped is that the Geneva conference will implement our unceasing quest for a secure and just peace and breathe a new spirit into the future efforts needed to achieve that result."

NATO COUNCIL MEETING

Mr Dulles will confer with Mr Harold Macmillan, the British Foreign Minister, and Mr Antoine Pinay, French Foreign Minister, in Paris tomorrow and Friday.

They will receive a report from the preparatory working group which has been busy in Paris for the past week.

On Saturday the Western Big Three Ministers will attend a meeting of the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation Council.

Mr Dulles observed: "That organisation is much interested in some of the problems which may come up at Geneva, particularly in relation to the Federal Republic of Germany, which is now a member of NATO."—Reuter.

Peron Must Go Campaign

Santiago, July 13. The rebellious Argentine Navy still is insisting on the removal of President Juan D. Peron and is demanding that he be sent aboard ship and sent out of Argentina, reports here from Buenos Aires said today.

The reports were unofficial but came from persons in close touch with the situation. In Argentina as it has developed since the bloody but apparently short-lived June 16 revolution, these reports said that the Army also favours eliminating the Peron influence but that it wishes to do so gradually.

The Army is said to believe that such a policy will prevent confusion and tension which might result were President Peron removed now.—United Press.

Shipping Disaster: Freighter Sinks; 19 Missing

Port of Spain, July 13. Nineteen persons are missing, one is dead and 22 survivors are accounted for in the sinking of the British freighter Geologist following a collision off Trinidad with the bauxite carrier Sun Princess, officials said on Wednesday.

Five of those missing are Europeans, they said. The Geologist—with a gaping hole in her No. 4 hatch—sank in five minutes.

The missing men were believed to be trapped in their cabins.

Munitions Truck Explodes

Vienna, July 13. A road accident was the cause of the explosion of a Soviet munitions truck about noon today in Furth, Krems, Soviet zone of Austria, the initial inquiry revealed.

The explosion killed four persons, two of whom were Soviet soldiers, and seriously injured three others, all Austrians, who were taken to the Krems hospital.

The truck and its trailer were part of a Soviet convoy which was going through the commune at top speed. The truck hit a passerby, ran into a house and overturned its trailer, causing a series of explosions. There was considerable damage, including the destruction of roofs and windows in nearby houses.

Soviet soldiers from the convoy brought aid to the injured. Engineers cleared away the debris, and Austrian police detoured the village traffic.—France-Press.

25,450-Foot Peak Climbed

New Delhi, July 13. An Indian expedition led by Major N. D. Jayal, chief of the Darjeeling mountaineering school, has climbed Mt. Kamet, the 25,450-foot Himalayan peak.

A telegram reaching Indian army headquarters here today reported that the party of five, which were turned back six feet from the summit on June 28, succeeded in the second attempt by a new route.

The peak was first scaled in 1931 by an English team and for 20 years remained the highest mountain climbed by man.—Reuter.



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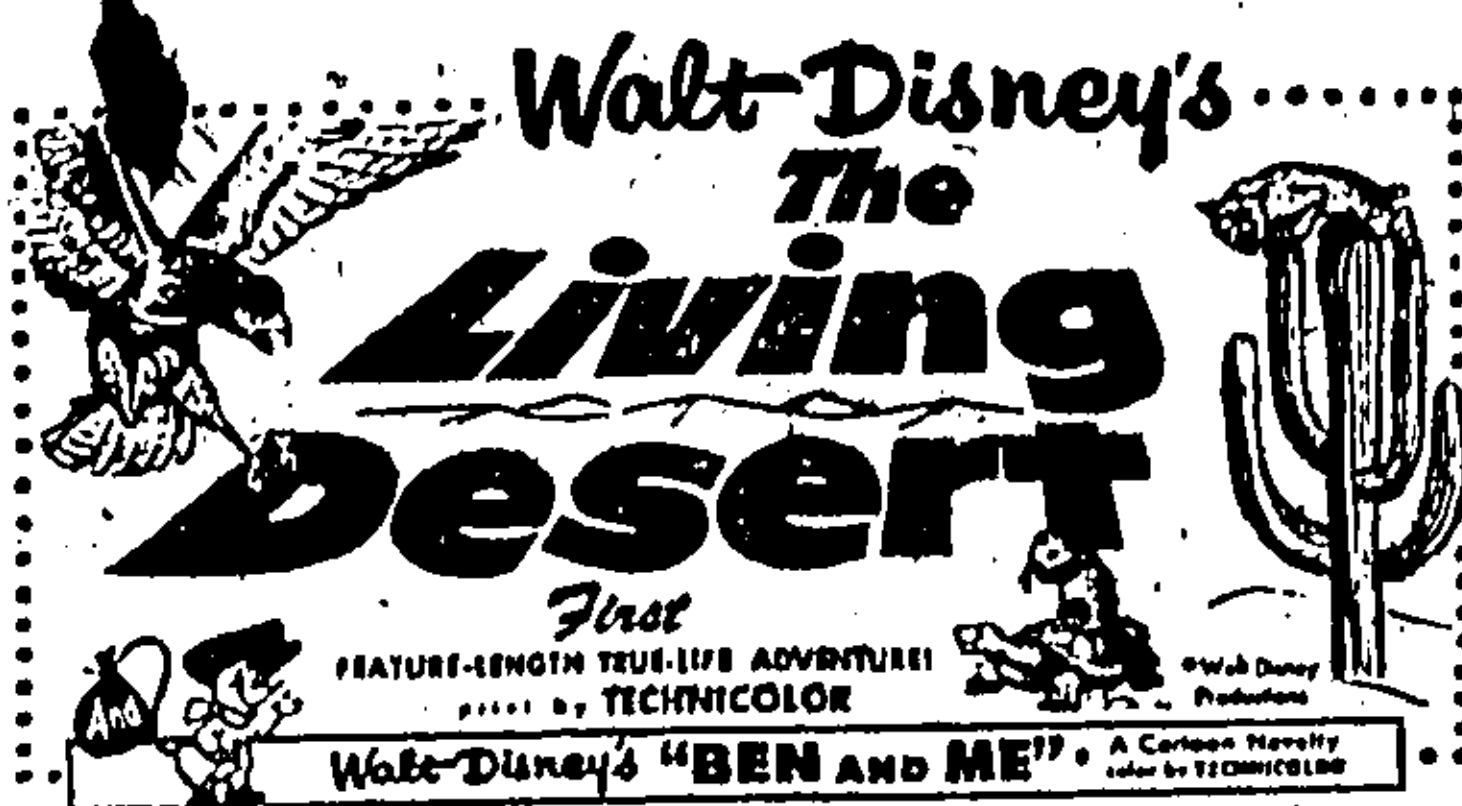
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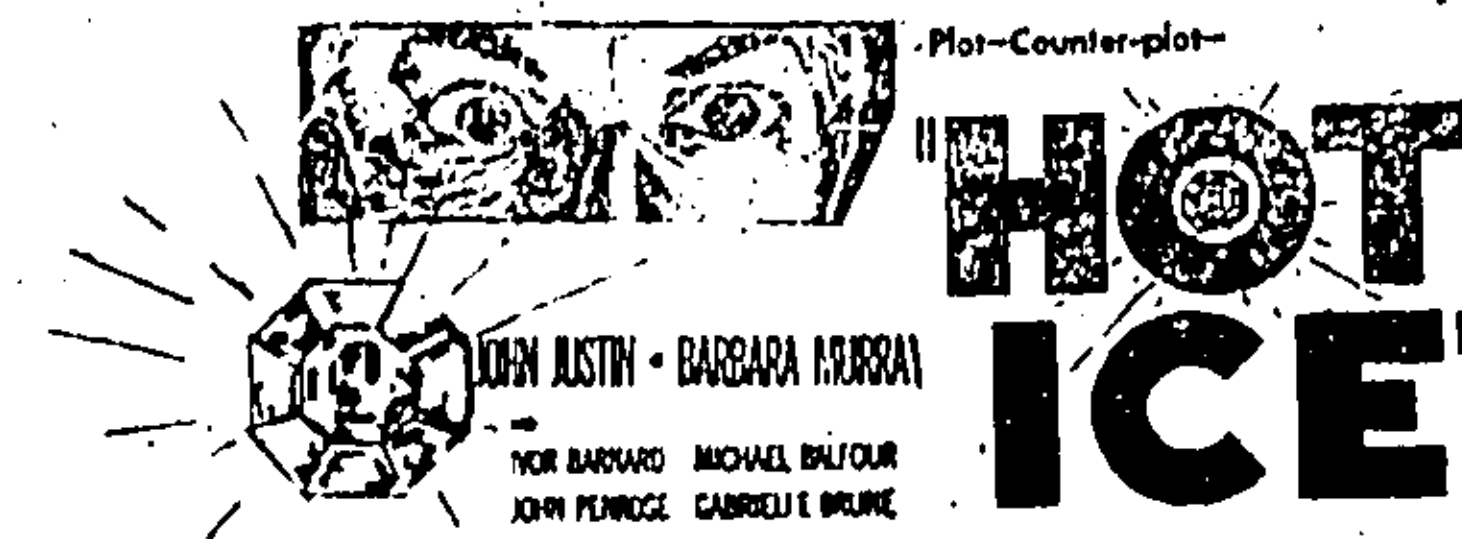
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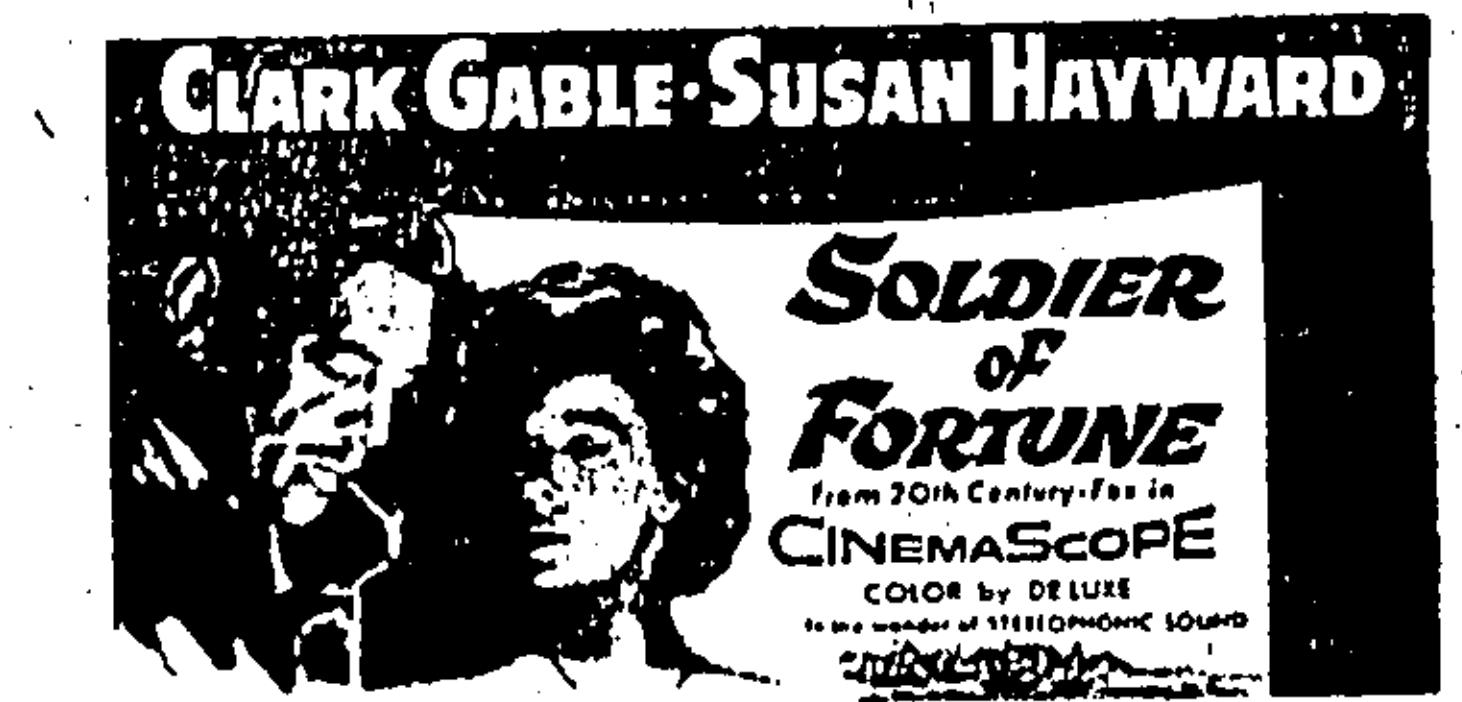
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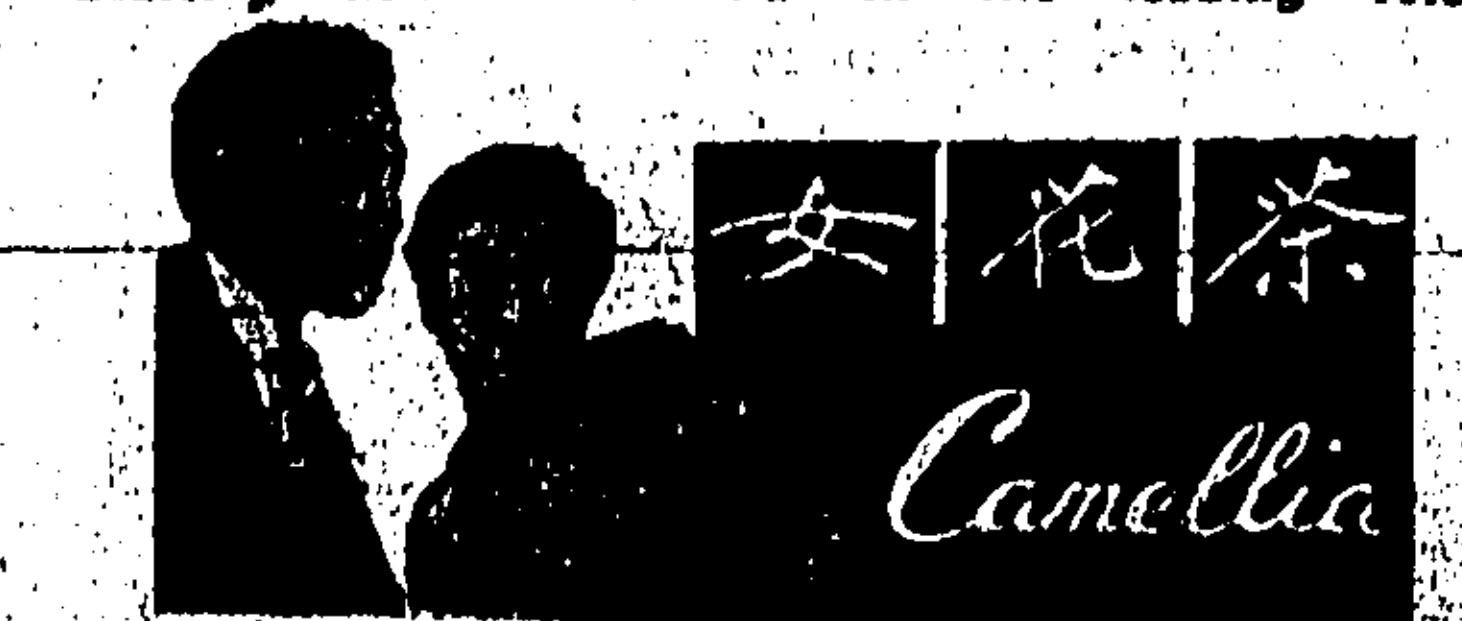


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Government Compromise On Monopolies Report

London July 13.
The British Government today rejected the proposal of a Commission of Inquiry on monopolies that it should impose a general legal ban on all restrictive agreements and price-fixing, making them criminal offences.

But it sided with another suggestion by the Commission that there should be compulsory registration and publication of restrictive practices which would have to be justified before a special tribunal.

The Government's "compromise" voiced by Mr Peter Thorneycroft, President of the Board of Trade, in the House of Commons, is likely to quell a revolt of conservative backbenchers which was threatened if the tougher line had been taken.

TWO REPORTS
The Monopolies Commission, ten strong, produced majority and minority reports.

The majority of seven recommended a general prohibition of restrictive practices, with provision for special exceptions. The minority of three plumped for compulsory registration and publication, with subsequent prohibition of those found after investigation to be against public interest.

Mr Thorneycroft said the Government will require restrictive practices to be speeded from time to time—registered and published so that all may know about them.

Any such practice will have to be justified before a specially set up tribunal. This is what the minority report proposed.

But the Minister said the minority report did not go "any-thing like far enough." As for the majority report, Mr Thorneycroft said he detected in it "a certain odour of criminality and in certain paragraphs the creation of a new range of criminal offences."

He believed they could get through the "angle of argument" about these problems with rather less emphasis on the criminal code.

LABOUR SPEAKER
Mr Harold Wilson, chief Labour speaker, contended amid conservative cries of "nonsense" that Mr Thorneycroft had rejected the Commission's report.

Restrictive practices could continue indefinitely until the tribunal examined each case, he said.

Mr Wilson said he did not think registration alone would do anything.

Mr Wilson said many businessmen in their trade associations devoted their ingenuity to devising planning of large sections of industry with a degree of thoroughness and ruthlessness far transcending most of the wartime controls.

The debate was on a Government motion welcoming the Commission's report as a basis upon which the Government could formulate its proposals.

The Opposition moved an amendment urging the Government to carry out the majority

report proposals and to have all practices registered.

The Opposition amendment was defeated by 316 votes to 255—a Government-majority of 61.

The Government motion was then agreed to without a further vote.

Mr Herbert Morrison, deputy Labour leader, said his Party firmly suspected that the Government meant to take no effective action. The House should accept the majority report, he said.

ACCEPTED PARTS
Sir Reginald Manningham-Buller, the Attorney-General, said the Government had accepted parts of both reports.

It was not intended to stop at registration—as recommended by the minority report—but to bring those practices which appeared bad before some tribunal.—Reuter.



This tiny "hearing aid" has been designed and produced by Sheila and Stanley Ingram of London with a battery no larger than an aspirin tablet. It costs from £25 and the unique ear rings cost three guineas a pair. They were designed because so many women preferred to suffer faulty hearing than to wear the normal heavy and ugly hearing aid. The aid itself is hidden by the hair.—Express Photo.

The 'Angel' Leaves The Service

Saigon, July 13.
The "Angel of Dien Bien Phu" flew from Indo-China to Paris for the last time today as an Air Force nurse.

On Friday, Lt Genevieve de Gallard-Terraube will doff the uniform she has worn with such honour and resume her civilian status. Her two-year enlistment with the French Air Force will be up.

The dark-haired, blue-eyed nurse hopes to set up a rehabilitation centre for paraplegics in Paris after her discharge. But before she does, she plans a trip to the United States to study the latest methods in the treatment of the paralysed, her associates say.

It was in sharp contrast to her trip home a year ago. Then France was still shattered by the crushing defeat at Dien Bien Phu. Premier Joseph Laniel's Government had fallen.



Mlle Genevieve de Gallard-Terraube

and the new Premier, M. Pierre Mendes-France, was in Geneva, working on what was to be the armistice agreement ending the eight-year Indo-China war.

It was in sorrow—but with pride—that France greeted Genevieve upon her return to Paris after 47 days in the inferno of Dien Bien Phu and half a month as prisoner of the Communist Vietnamese.

Once back in France, Genevieve reported for duty as a "convoyeur" (Flying Nurse). For months she worked the Paris-North African hospital plane run and then, shortly after Christmas, at her own request, the "Angel" was sent back to Indo-China.—United Press.

Flee E. Germany

Kiel, Germany, July 13.
The Mayor and two citizens of the small East German town of Anklam, on the Baltic, arrived here tonight after fleeing in a yacht.

The Mayor, whose name was not immediately available, said they set sail from the Pomeranian coast near Anklam (population about 15,000), pretending they were off for a holiday trip. They reached a Danish port and a German vessel gave them a tow to Kiel. The Mayor said he had not felt safe in East Germany any more as he was carrying out his duties as Mayor: "too humanely."

—Chian Mail Special.

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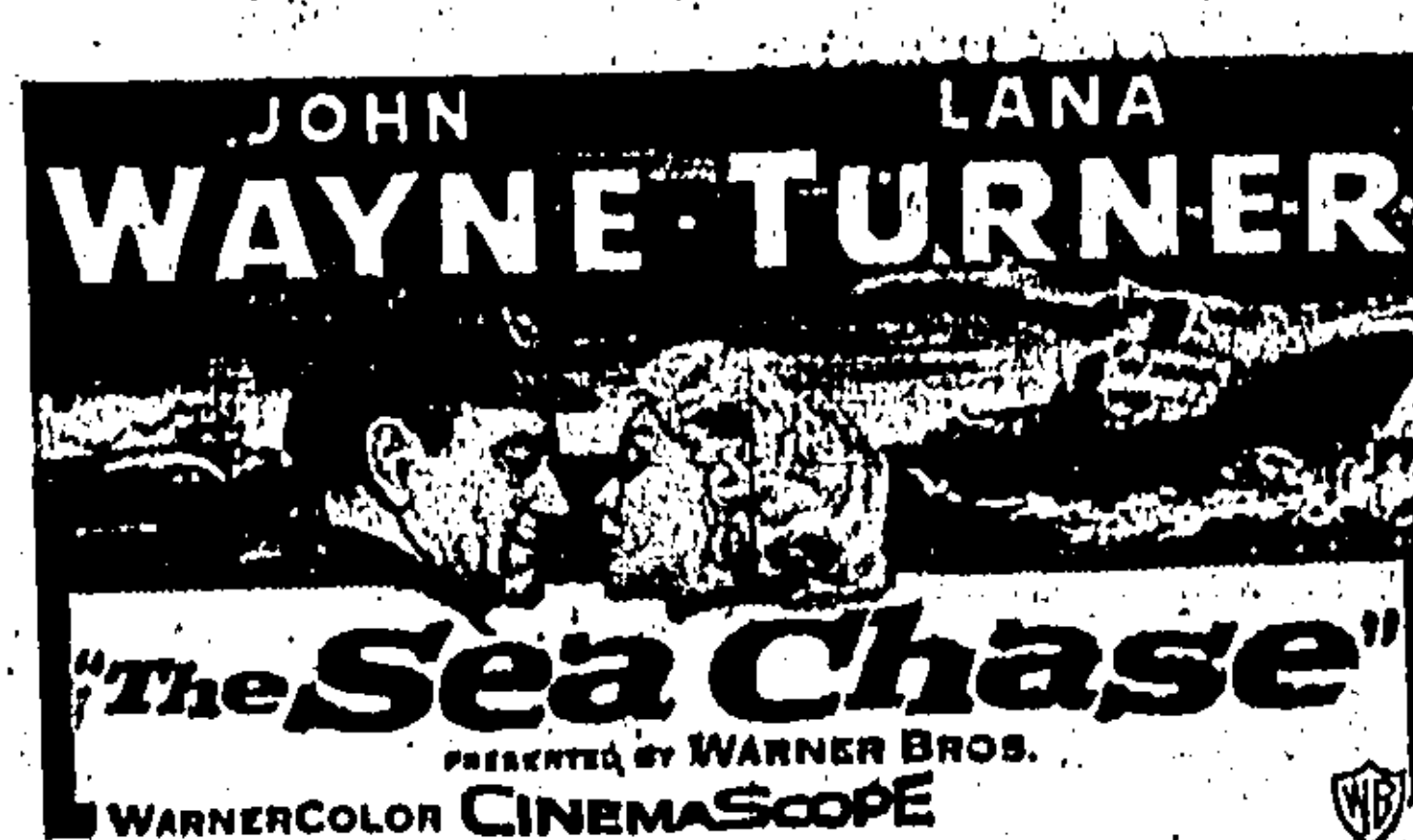
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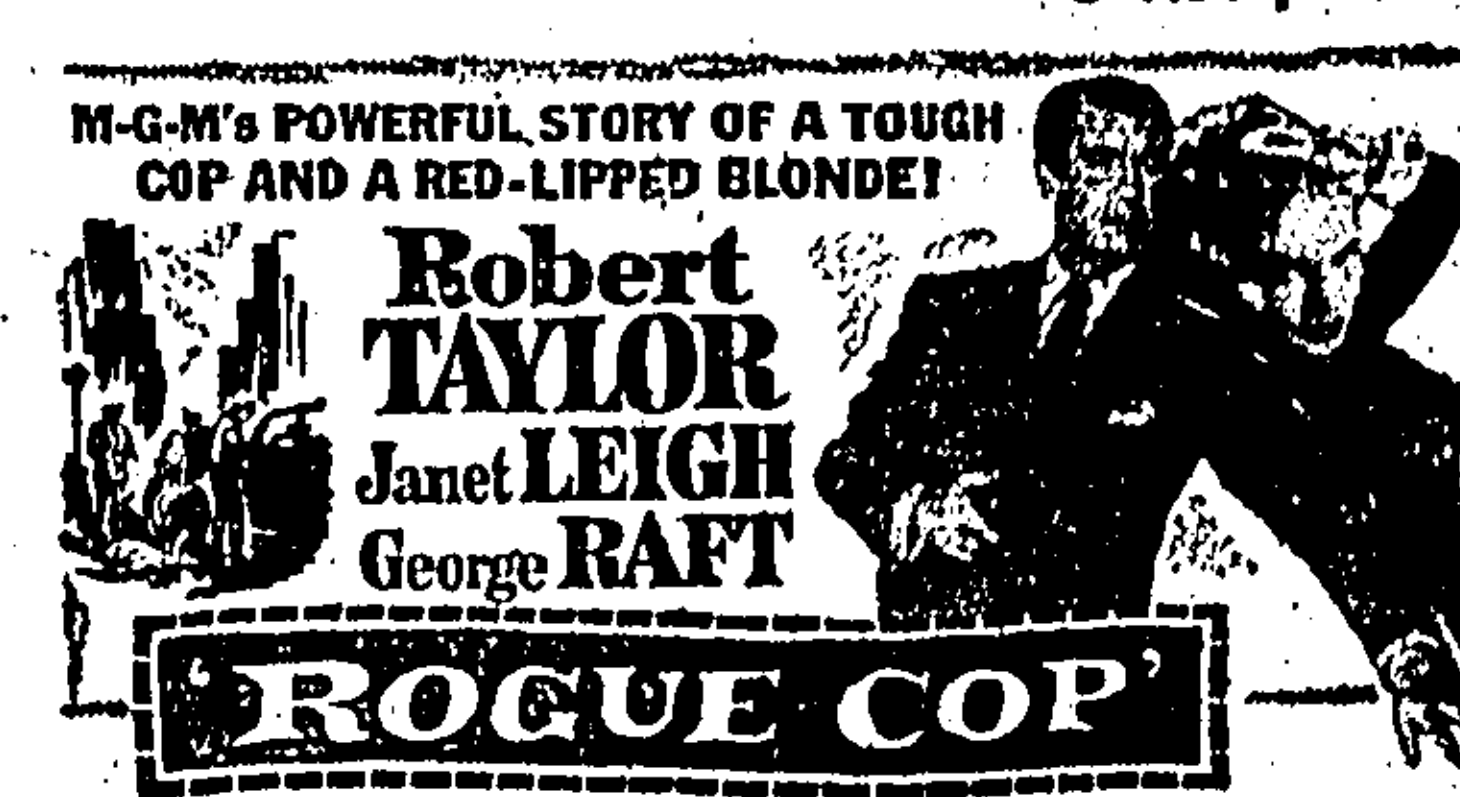


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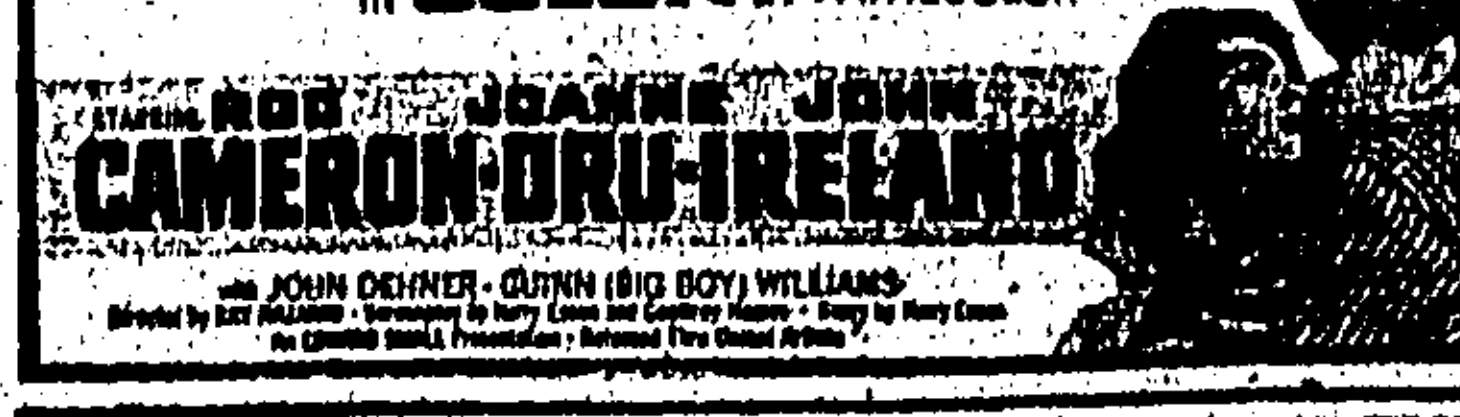
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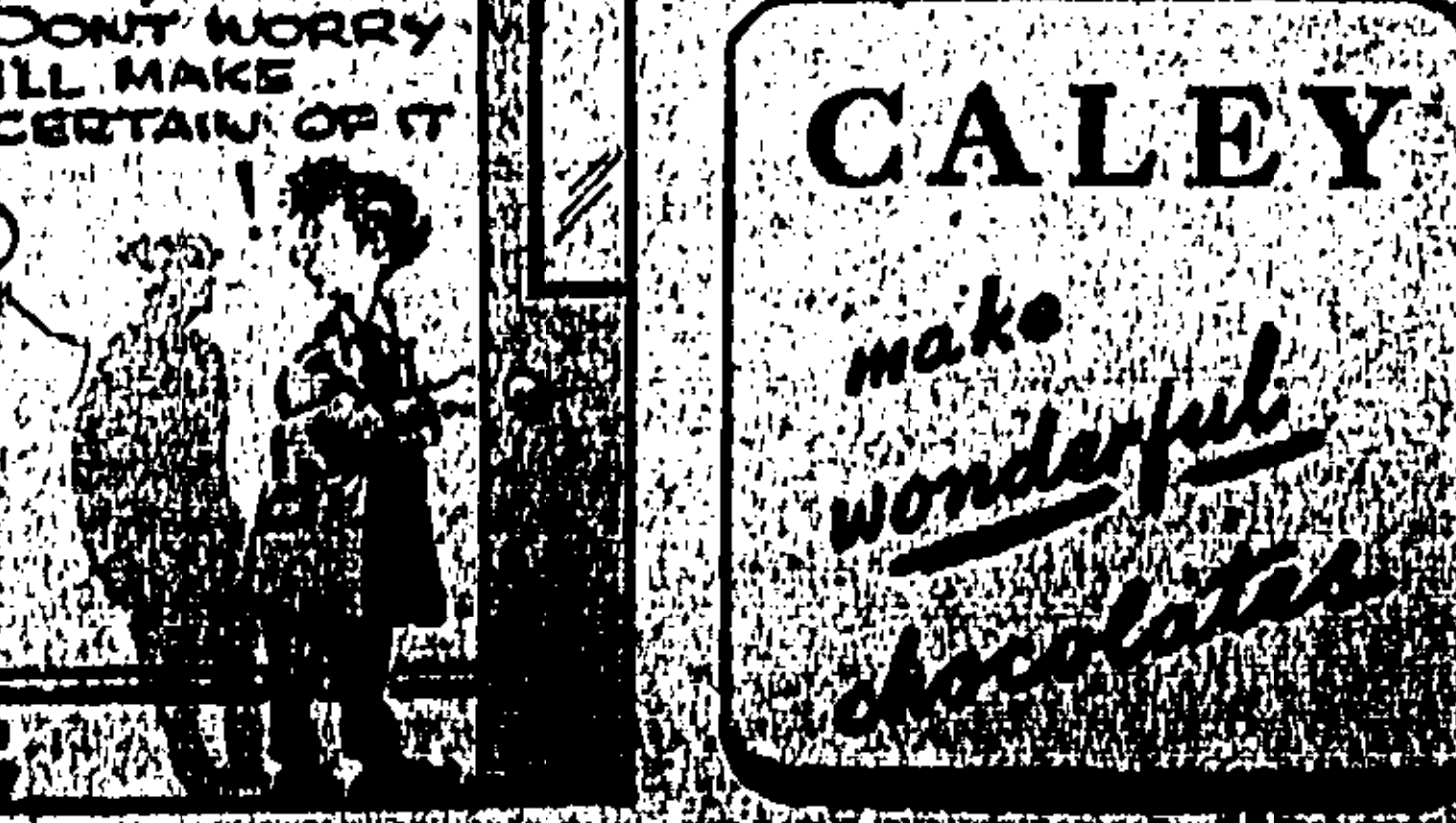
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ZHUKOV NOT IN PRESIDIUM

Powerful Army Group Still In Background

By W. A. Ryser

London, July 13.

The most striking feature of the new reshuffle in the Kremlin is that Marshal Georgi Zhukov has not been appointed a member of the Party Praesidium, Soviet experts said here today.

The two new members of the body that runs Russia are trusted and prominent professional party organisers.

They are Mr Mikhail A. Suslov and Mr A. Kirichenko. They raise the number of the Praesidium members from nine to 11. Both prominent supporters of the Party group led by the Premier, Marshal Nikolai Bulganin, the Foreign Minister, Mr V. M. Molotov, and the Party's First Secretary, Mr Nikita Khrushchev, the group which is now in power.

Mr Suslov was until now the most influential Central Committee Secretary after Mr Khrushchev. Presumably, he retains his job in the Secretariat in addition to his new one.

As one of the oldest secretaries, Mr Suslov was for many years the overlord of Party propaganda and the supervisor of foreign Communist parties.

He helped Mr Andrei Zhdanov and Mr Molotov set up the Cominform in 1947.

Mr Kirichenko was until now the First Secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of the Ukraine—the post Mr Khrushchev held until 1950.

The First Secretary of the Ukraine is traditionally a member of the Politburo or the Party Praesidium as it is now called.

The appointment of three new Secretaries has doubled the size of the Secretariat of the Central Committee, after one of its most prominent members, Mr N. N. Shatalin, had been quietly dropped three months ago.

Of the new Secretaries who will work under Mr Khrushchev the most interesting is Mr Dimitri T. Shepilov, the Editor of Pravda, who once worked under Mr Suslov in the Propaganda Department of the Central Committee.

He has recently acquired considerable influence and is likely to take over the entire propaganda machine of the Party.

The two remaining new Secretaries, Mr A. B. Arislov, and Mr N. I. Belyaev, were until now Secretaries of Provincial Party organisations, respectively in the Far East and in East Kazakhstan. The fact that the Central Committee has

discussed the possibility of holding a congress of the Party to be taken here as a sure indication that such a congress will be held later this year.

The most significant aspect of the new Kremlin reshuffle, however, seems to be that no military leader was included in the Praesidium.

Marshal Georgi Zhukov's appointment to the Defence Ministry after Premier Georgi Malenkov's fall in February led Western observers to assume that the new regime was closely linked with the increasingly powerful Army leaders.

Some observers even speculated on the possibility that Marshal Zhukov was the "real master" of Russia. The Marshal's failure to make the grade indicates that the Army, while much more powerful than ever before, is still in the background.

FULL MEMBERS. Marshal Zhukov, Marshal Ivan Konev and other Soviet Marshals are full members of the Central Committee but the all-powerful Praesidium is apparently to remain closed to them.

The significance of this Kremlin gesture made on the eve of the Geneva talks is to emphasise the authority of the Communist Party and to blast any hope existing in the West that Marshal Zhukov or any other Army leader could have any political influence outside of the Praesidium control.

United Press.

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KING IN SUMMER DRESS



This very informal picture is of King Frederick of Denmark with his daughter the 15-year-old heir apparent Princess Margrethe. They are enjoying private life on board the yacht Dannebrog on its summer tour in Danish waters, and leave the yacht in Roskilde Harbour to go bathing.—Express Photo.

Lennox-Boyd Discusses Education In Malaya

London, July 13.

The Colonial Secretary, Mr Alan Lennox-Boyd, told a questioner in the House of Commons today that no schools had been closed because of political activities in either Singapore or the Federation of Malaya.

Mr Reginald Sorensen, Labour, had asked what were the present proposals of future educational development in the Federation and in Singapore both in respect of post-primary education and the co-ordination of different racial and other types of existing schools, their financial assistance from governments, and how many schools had been closed because of political activities.

In a written reply Mr Lennox-Boyd said a special committee had considered last year the pace at which having regard to the resources of the Federation it would be possible to apply the policy in the Education Ordinance of 1952. The committee's report was comprehensive and he said he was placing a copy of it, with a statement by the Federation Government, in the library of the House.

In Singapore post-primary education was provided in 49 schools either run or fully aided by the Singapore Government.

Approval had been given for the construction of eight further schools including two secondary technical schools within the next year.

Post-primary education was also provided by several schools including 10 Chinese language schools not fully aided by the Government.

An all-party committee of the Legislative Assembly was now considering the position in schools in which Chinese is the medium of instruction.

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Russia To Pay Compensation To Belgian Widow

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When negotiations between the Belgian and Soviet representatives began, the Soviet Government rejected the Belgian protest and claimed damages. Last June 9, Valeri Zorin, Deputy Soviet Foreign Minister, summoned Belgian Embassy Secretary Edouard De Caestecker, and negotiations were resumed, ending in the agreement announced today.

The Belgian Government accepted the Soviet offer as a "good will" gesture.

Authoritative circles here pointed out that the Soviet Union agreed to the principle of paying damages prior to solution of the question of responsibility when Foreign Minister Vyacheslav Molotov told US Secretary of State Mr John Foster Dulles, the USSR was willing to pay half the damages to settle the US-Soviet air incident over the Bering Strait last June 3.—France Press.

GEISHA GIRLS THREATEN TO GO ON STRIKE

Tokyo, July 13.

More than 250 Geisha girls threatened to strike or "sell their bodies" unless they get more money for their "artistic services."

Japan's newest labour dispute—which some Tokyo males blame on too much democracy brought in by American occupation forces—is raging in the gay Maruyama district of this capital city.

JEWEL THEFT FROM YACHT

Ramsgate, July 13.

Police today were inquiring into the theft of jewellery valued at £8,000 from a motor yacht in Ramsgate harbour.

Jan Zavadal, a Czech, lives alone aboard the yacht which arrived from Calais last Thursday.

Among the articles missing are a diamond pendant valued at £5,000, an oblong platinum brooch containing over 100 diamonds and valued at £2,000 and a gold and platinum ring with a ruby set in diamonds.

The yacht, Ruddy Shelduck, was tied up alongside a wharf in the harbour.—China Mail Special.

PRESS COUNCIL VERDICT

Exposure Of Vice A Service

London, July 13.

Britain's Press Council said today that the exposure of vice by a newspaper was often a service to the community.

The Press Council, ethical watchdog of the industry, considered a complaint lodged before it by a member of the public about two articles in the mass circulation Sunday newspaper, the People, on vice in London's West End.

The complaint said the newspaper had published the names and full addresses of individual alleged prostitutes.

A letter from the editor of the People to the Council said that apparently the complainant approved of newspapers exposing call girl organisers but not the girls—or it followed some landlords who often battered on them.

The Council, in a statement, said that "while realising that some harm might follow from such publication" they nevertheless took the view that the exposure of vice by a newspaper is often a service to the community and the publication of details such as names and addresses may often be necessary for the exposure to be fully effective.—China Mail Special.

CLARA WILL HIT SOUTH JAPAN

Tokyo, July 14.

Typhoon Clara, with savage 138-mile-an-hour winds, sliced northward across the ocean toward Southern Japan today (Thursday) sending ships scurrying to safety.

US Air Force weathermen reported at 11 p.m. on Wednesday that Clara was wobbling and could change course at any moment but was expected to be within 100 miles southwest of Kyushu this afternoon.

Storm warnings went out to the southern Japanese island as well as to small Ryukyu Islands still in the path of the 90-mile-wide storm.

Small boats hurried to ports. Servicemen dug in to meet the fury of the typhoon with the strongest winds of the early season.

Weathermen said that the US base of Okinawa definitely was safe as the tropical storm marched northward some 160 miles west of the US base.—United Press.

US-German Arms Aid Discussions

Bonn, July 13.

West Germany's Chancellor Konrad Adenauer and United States Ambassador James B. Conant, with their military and economic assistants, today discussed the question of US military aid to Germany.

A joint American-German statement published this evening said that the question would be studied further in all its aspects by a "country team" composed of specialists from the American Embassy. This is the procedure for aid to all member countries of the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO).

The statement said, however, that Germany was in a special category because it has no army at present. This complicates the question of military material should be supplied to Germany in addition to that contained on a list which has already been turned over to the German Government for study.

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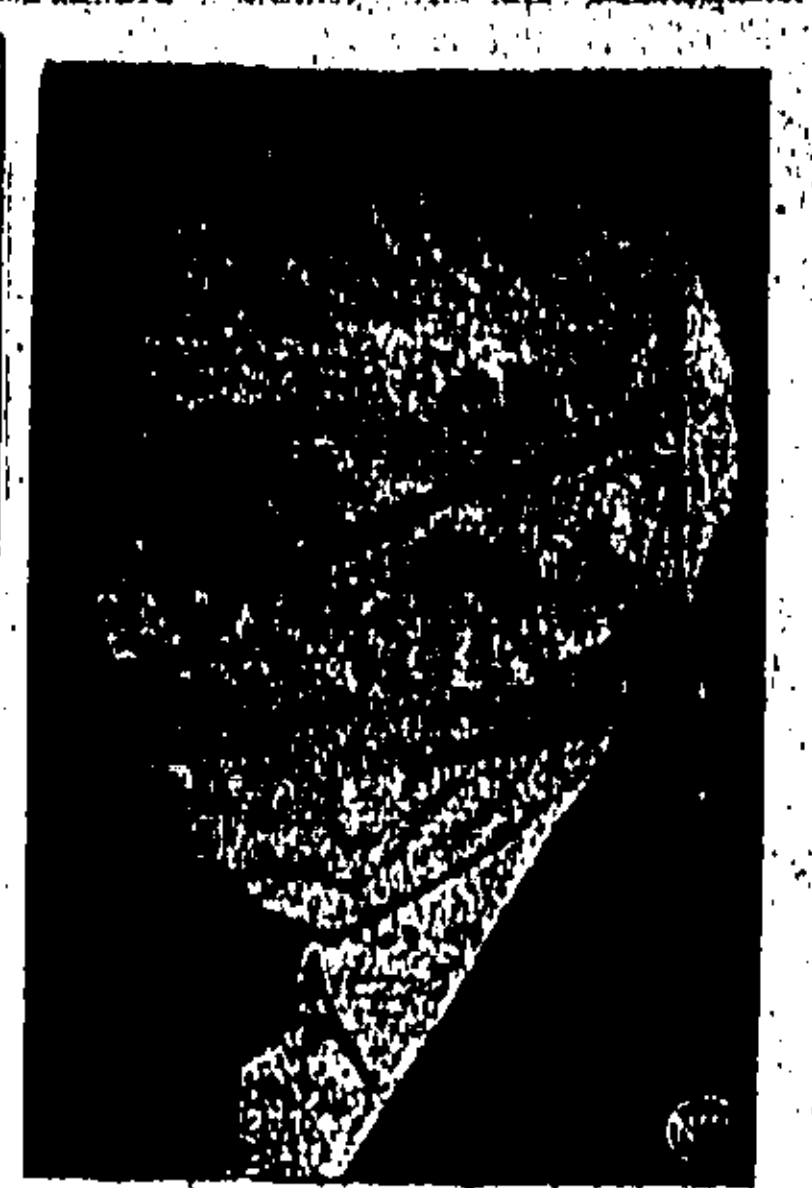
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Bernard M. Baruch

Baruch (85) Tried A Back Flip

Washington, July 13.

Mr Bernard M. Baruch, 85-year-old New York financier, showed up at the White House today limping from an accident he suffered while trying to make a back dive into a swimming pool.

Mr Baruch called on President Eisenhower to chat about the coming Big Four meetings, but his swimming pool performance dominated the attention.

Easing himself gingerly into a taxi, Mr Baruch, wearing a broad-brimmed southern planter's straw hat, said, "When you are 85 don't try a back flip."

Mr Baruch injured himself several weeks ago trying a back dive into the pool of a South Carolina estate.

SLIPPED ON EDGE

"I hate to see this in the papers," he said, "because people will think that only a fool at the age of 85 would try diving backwards."

When Mr Baruch attempted to dive, he slipped on the edge of the pool and hit his hip before splashing into the water.

On the serious side, Mr Baruch declined to discuss what he talked to the President about, adding that it would be improper to tell a chief executive what he should do.

Philosophically, however, he said, "This meeting of the Big Four will show whether the world, travelling from chaos to cosmos—wants to go back again."

"Those fellows over there will find out how far they have moved from primitive man to civilised man."—United Press.

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Sydney Newspaper Strike

Journalists Publish Own Paper

Sydney, July 13.

Sydney journalists, idle because of a dispute which has stopped publication of all the city's daily and Sunday newspapers, today brought out their own evening paper.

Called the Clarion it is in opposition to a composite morning newspaper produced by the managements of Sydney's four newspapers whose production has been halted by the dispute.

A conference between the State Labour Council and newspaper representatives today failed to settle the dispute which threatens to spread within the industry.

THE START

The dispute started as a printers' strike at the Sydney Daily Mirror and spread to the other newspapers when the managements decided to produce a composite.

Journalists on the evening newspapers, the Sun and the Daily Mirror, who refused to help with the composite newspaper, were sacked. The Australian Journalists Association on Sunday told its members to stop work if asked to produce the composite newspaper.

Yesterday more than 600 members decided not to return to work but to begin producing their own newspaper.—Reuter.

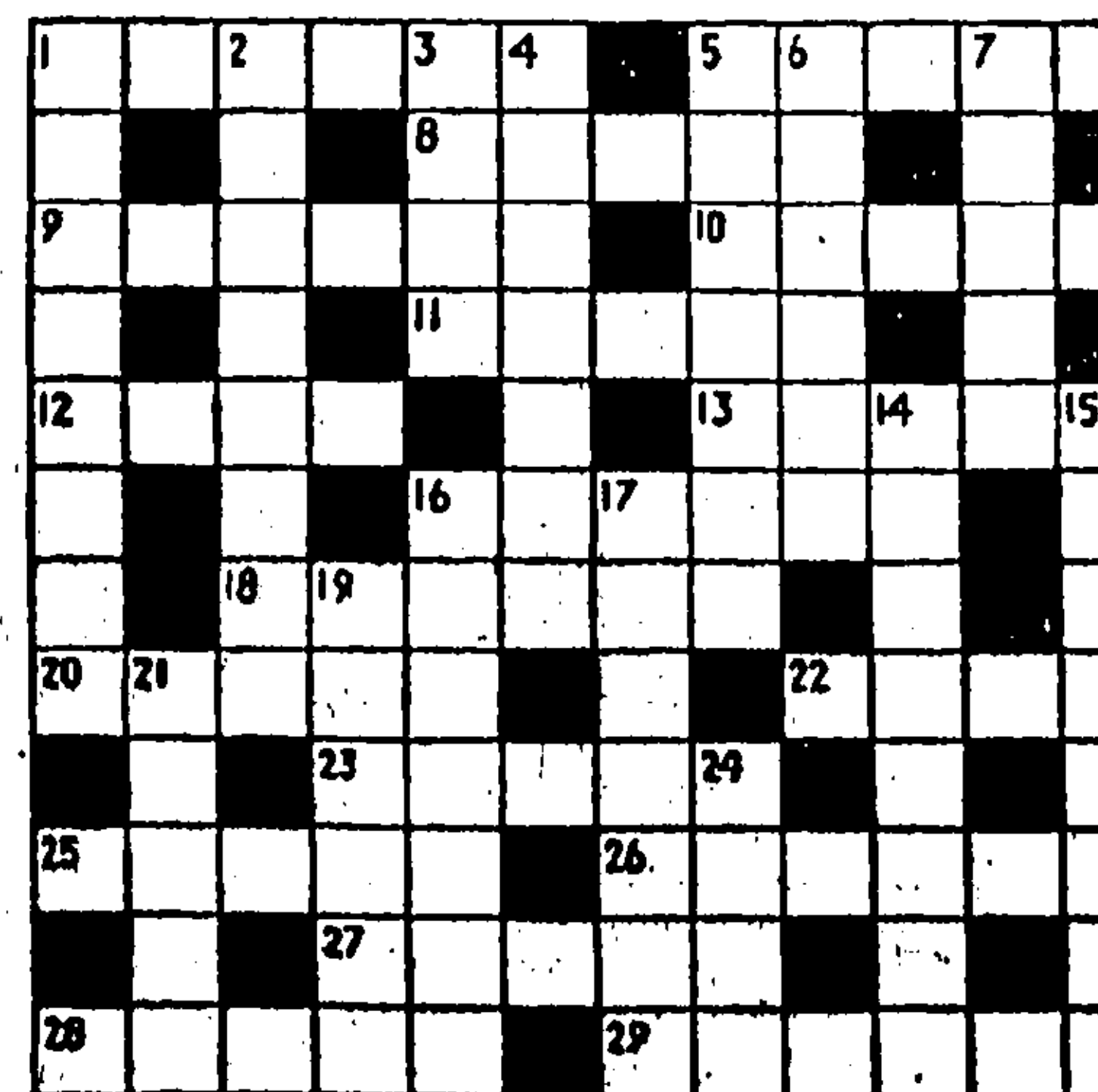
Soldier Drowned

Hereford, July 13.

Private Edward Gould, 20, of Cardiff was drowned while bathing with other soldiers in the River Wye at Hereford.

Gould, stationed at Hereford, swam out to mid-river opposite Bishop's Palace and disappeared.—China Mail Special.

A British Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS**
- 1 Got back (8).
 - 3 Month (5).
 - 5 Lull (6).
 - 9 Demolishing (6).
 - 10 County (5).
 - 11 Condition (5).
 - 12 Nobleman (4).
 - 13 Got up (5).
 - 14 Hazy (6).
 - 15 Lissom (6).
 - 16 Rapidly (5).
 - 17 Naughty children (4).
 - 18 Drain (5).
 - 19 Force Open (6).
 - 20 Moribund (6).
 - 21 Radiates (5).
 - 22 False gods (4).
 - 23 Convulsive fits (4).
- DOWN**
- 1 Withdraws (8).
 - 2 Consist of (8).
 - 3 Vases (4).
 - 4 Plait of hair (7).
 - 5 Error (7).
 - 6 Sick to (6).
 - 7 Heals (6).
 - 8 Bits and pieces (8).
 - 9 Incidents (8).
 - 10 Runpans (7).
 - 11 Theroplasmas (7).
 - 12 Ship (6).
 - 13 Trimmed (5).
 - 14 Grate (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD.—Across: 3 Fair, 7 Savoy, 8 Area, 9 Bink, 10 Gentee, 12 Epic, 13 Ours, 19 Aroma, 21 Inure, 23 Aves, 25 Dines, 26 Oats, 28 Denizen, 30 Crow, 31 Coma, 32 Inter, 33 Rose. Down: 1 Haven, 2 Contour, 4 Agile, 6 Hawk, 9 Knap, 10 Teed, 11 Ereck, 12 Poor, 14 Crum, 16 Haven, 17 Lido, 18 Quilt, 20 Resign, 22 Answer, 24 Idios, 25 Meloe, 27 Adon, 28 Sex.



The Keeper of the Key....

ONE hot summer's afternoon, towards the end of the war, I had returned from lunch to my office in the British Legation at Bern.

The sun-treated Swiss air wafted caressingly through the French windows as the breeze from the River Aare rustled the leaves of a large chestnut tree on the lawn just outside.

The telephone bell rang. I reached automatically for the receiver.

"Yes? Who is speaking, please?" I asked, sleepily.

On the outside line you never gave your own name first.

A woman's name answered in French. "Monsieur, I cannot give you my name because I know your telephone wires are tapped. Can I speak, at once, to the Military Attaché?"

He was out, so I replied, "No! But I can speak for him. What do you want?"

"An important person wishes to speak to you. If you can see her at once, she will be with you in five minutes. Otherwise it is no good. Your doors are watched. Men will be tipped off and she will be followed."

A visitor

"Let her come at once," I said, and replaced the receiver. I lifted my internal telephone.

"Is that the messenger? Good! Listen, Sandy, I'm expecting a female visitor within five minutes. Let her in and shut the door again immediately. Put her in the interview room. Give her the once over and report to me."

I banged down the receiver. "Hello!" I thought, "another lunch undigest!"

After years of this sort of thing we should have been used to it, but every time it seemed to be different. I sat ruminating on the flap which would soon begin.

A loud knock on the door brought me together with a jerk. "Come in, Sandy," I shouted. "Sir, did you say you were expecting a female? Lummel! She's an Amazon then. Six foot, broad to match, and got a 'huge black moustache'."

I gasped, then—recovering myself—asked, "Likely to be armed, do you think?"

"Wouldn't know with this one," replied Sandy. "He—sorry, spoke and tried to weigh up my

"Sit down, please," I said, indicating a chair facing the window. "Excuse me if I ask you to keep your hands upon the table. We have some interesting visitors in wartime. Of course, your credentials are superrative!"

"I must ask you kindly to explain the purpose of this visit," I sat down in the shadow as I spoke and tried to weigh up my

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The Counsellor, the Air Attache and the First Secretary

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"In a word," he concluded, "I have the plans of Hitler's second secret weapon—straight from Peenemünde!"

I leapt from my chair, not with delight at the news but because his hand shot inside his breast pocket and reappeared holding—

at this instant my chair fell backwards—a long, brown envelope.

"It's all right, Sandy," I said sheepishly, adding as an afterthought, meaningly, "so far!"

The head disappeared again. I opened the envelope and looked quickly through a series of ink-traced drawings and a long memorandum typed in German. The drawings were familiar, but far more detailed than I had ever seen before.

This was red-hot stuff. As an engineer I did not have to hesitate. It was a "plant". It was far beyond the scope of our Legation in Switzerland to prove it. I began to ask for some explanation. "There are no microphones in this room," I assured him.

"Our debt"

"Do not ask me questions," he replied. "I am Polish. Tell them only in London that 'Chopin has composed his masterpiece.' Many have died for these papers, and more will die—so, if you please, treat them with the respect they deserve. England came to our help in 1939. Now we try to repay our debt. This weapon of Hitler can destroy London completely. You must waste no time. Nor must I..."

With that he rose, clipped his heels and bowed. "Adieu, Capitaine!" The thought flashed through my mind. "How does he know I'm a captain, when I'm dressed in civvies?"

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I saw him to the door and we shook hands. He hurried away without looking back.

Then the fun began. Inside telephone lines buzzed and the switchboard leads clattered. Within ten minutes there was a conference in the Minister's room.

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'I WAS A RED SPY' REVELATION JOLTS AMERICA

New York, Tuesday. A STARTLING cloak-and-dagger story of a famous American broadcaster revealing himself as a Russian spy, of his wife being murdered by Soviet agents because "she knew too much," and of other American journalists being members of Communist cells has jolted the American public.

Bureau of Investigation until 1951, when he also told his employers, and he did not make his public revelation until the other day.

His statement that his first wife was murdered by the Communists in 1942 is poignant, but surely it is unusual to wait 13 years to charge that one's wife had been murdered.

To pattern

THIS naming of names of other people as Communists is being the informer in the established pattern. Also, although Burdett was undoubtedly emotionally compelled, as he says, to join the Communists, the fact remains by his own statement that he accepted payment from the Communists for his spying, although he had private means.

The Burdett spy story broke just when the United States is announcing a much more relaxed policy towards aliens and a more tolerant attitude towards Radicals.

And the State Department has just announced that it has eased visa regulations governing the entry of foreigners into the United States. I have been tumbling for years over the indignities imposed upon people coming to this country. Like thousands of other British people here I have been finger-printed half a dozen times and signed batches of documents as a Communist or a Fascist. Yet for years now Americans have been permitted to enter Great Britain without any visa whatsoever.

Today, despite the relaxation in the rules, there are 27 foreign countries which require no visa from American citizens as tourists. Only the Canadians do not require to have visas to visit the U.S.

More than 600,000 American tourists will visit Europe this summer.

The British Travel Association here is doing a good job for the country. One of its new members, Colonel Laurence Priessack, who used to be Vice-President in Dallas, Texas, called on me the other day and said: "Next to Scotch whisky it is travel which brings in the most dollars for Britain."

Our critics

THE advertisements in the magazines here, "Come to Britain," are excellent, and I saw just last night a British Travel Association film telecast by Danny Kaye which was wonderful Anglo-American public relations.

However, American journalists in London, invariably friendly to us, are still critical of our hotels and I think they are right. Prices are excessive in the best hotels.

Prices continue to go up here also, but the boom is so buoyant that wages can meet them.

Henry Ford II, just now is outbidding all industrialists in fancy salaries. He says: "I don't give a damn what they say. We must be forward-looking. You can't buck basic trends in this country."

The New York summer festival has begun, but New Yorkers, fleeing the dank, searing heat (it has been over 95 here) are going to out-of-doors alone, at Jones Beach, the Aqueduct, Flushing Meadows, Long Island, and the Jersey shore.

For Broadway

METRO has bought the London hit "The Reluctant Dabhand" and will stage the play on Broadway, and also film it. The movie company paid \$100,000 for the play rights. "Whether" it's a year-old Arma Maseri, daughter of Raymond Maseri, will star here hasn't been decided.

Michael Wilding is to appear on Broadway this autumn in Noel Coward's "Milk and Honey," a romantic comedy.

Others named

HERE is one of the United States' most valued radio commentators, his voice known to millions, his views and judgment respected, baring himself as a spy for the Soviets in the early 40's and then, before a Senate committee, naming names, including members of the staff of the New York Times and the New York Daily News, and branding them as ex-Communists.

It is to the credit of the Americans, who become more tolerant and liberal all the time, that the Burdett bombshell has not set off hysteria, only anger and disappointment.

C.B.S. to its credit also is keeping Burdett on its staff.

I have seen Burdett at the United Nations headquarters, from which he has made some brilliant broadcasts, several times. He is handsome, gifted, but looks older than his 41 years.

His sensational story to the Internal Security Sub-Committee told of the war correspondent (Burdett, himself), actually on a spying mission for Russia, mysterious contacts, including the tall man with one glove waiting on a street corner, the intricate apparatus, for passing information, the sinister woman called "Madame," the trail across Europe into Persia, the wife murdered: to seal her mouth for ever.

There is little doubt that Winston Burdett's story is true. Back in 1937, when he was on the Brooklyn Eagle, he became a Communist, went to Europe to spy for the Soviet Union in 1940, and acted as part of the Communist machine until March 1942.

Today Burdett is being praised by some as a former Communist, but a true American who has performed a great service to the crusade against Communism.

We are also being told: "This is the way to 'atomement,' and that Burdett 'has come clean.'"

I cannot help commenting that it has taken Mr Burdett a long time to come clean. He did not tell his story to the Federal

where no German is allowed to enter, they have servants who are picked because they speak a sort of pidgin English and are generally of sub-standard intelligence.

British officers and their wives in Germany scarcely ever speak to a German, except the boiler man or the servants, from the time they arrive in the country to the moment they leave.

One British wife asked me: "Tell me, is there such a thing as a German postal service as we have in Britain?" Poor woman, she believed the only post in Germany was run by the British Army for the troops. Germans, she thought, didn't write letters, or may be she imagined they sent their mail by carrier pigeon.

Yes, the Army's freighting days in Germany are over. The crazy degeneracy of a land just emerging from war and Nazism, where girls queued to marry British soldiers for the sake of half-a-pound of coffee, has given way to a lost exciting world where real values count again.

The trial in Düsseldorf is the swansong of an era that has fortunately passed. But it might as well be today. It is the British who live in Germany, would come out of their attic ivory towers and their Occupationist attitudes, and get around to discovering the facts.

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No Contact

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EMMETT-DUNNE TRIAL MARKS END OF A FANTASTIC POSTWAR ERA

From ANTONY TERRY

Berlin. THE Düsseldorf murder trial, which has just ended, was a last echo of an era—a flashback to the futurity of the hectic, nerve-tangling excitement that was summed up in the horrible postwar word, "fraternisation."

For the romance which was the highlight of the Emmett-Dunne case was like thousands of others which grew out of the roystering days of postwar Germany, when British Army messes and canteens ran with gin and champagne at 5s. a bottle.

Those were the days when a meal and a packet of cigarettes would purchase a brief spell of quickly forgotten excitement with an attractive frau, for whom it meant a few priceless hours of relief from misery and starvation in a world where people were still dying like flies.

It was in those days that "Emmett-Dunne" was then a British soldier, returned from service in Hitler's "light-

ning Girls" (the equivalent of Britain's ATS) to find her parents' home in Muelheim almost levelled to the ground.

Outside the warmth of the glittering, luxuriantly finished British Army messes in those after-war years, where food and drink were plentiful, lay a grim, unheated world, where a bottle of gin could buy short-lived oblivion, or pay the rent for a year.

Inside the messes where the British lived was a world where real values had gone to the wind.

Fortunes were made in six months "by fancy" "addles" with petrol, cigarettes, drinks and all sorts of goods—including furniture and jewellery. No wonder many romances which bloomed in this unhealthy hot-house atmosphere born of defeat were doomed to failure.

It was an era when the ordinary Serviceman who brought back his knapsack filled with near-valueless loot, was out-bid and outbribe by a "thug" stand known as the "black market" who knew all the secrets and

especially how to ship back home whole truckloads of valuables without being caught.

Today, British officials are still trying to sort out the legal tangle left over from the "dogging" and "fiddling" which flourished ten years ago when the contents of a house vanished overnight and turned up in Britain.

Now, in a world almost returned to normal, the German owners are claiming thousands of pounds in damages from the British and German taxpayers. Some of the girls who made hay in the brief Occupation sunshine of these years are today rich and respectable. They had the sense to buy businesses with the profits they wheedled out of their British boy friends who were operating the black market.

The 1955 flashback to those Occupation years has a counterpart in the prosperous sovereign Germany of today. For the troops, cheap drink is harder to come by and cigarettes are strictly rationed.

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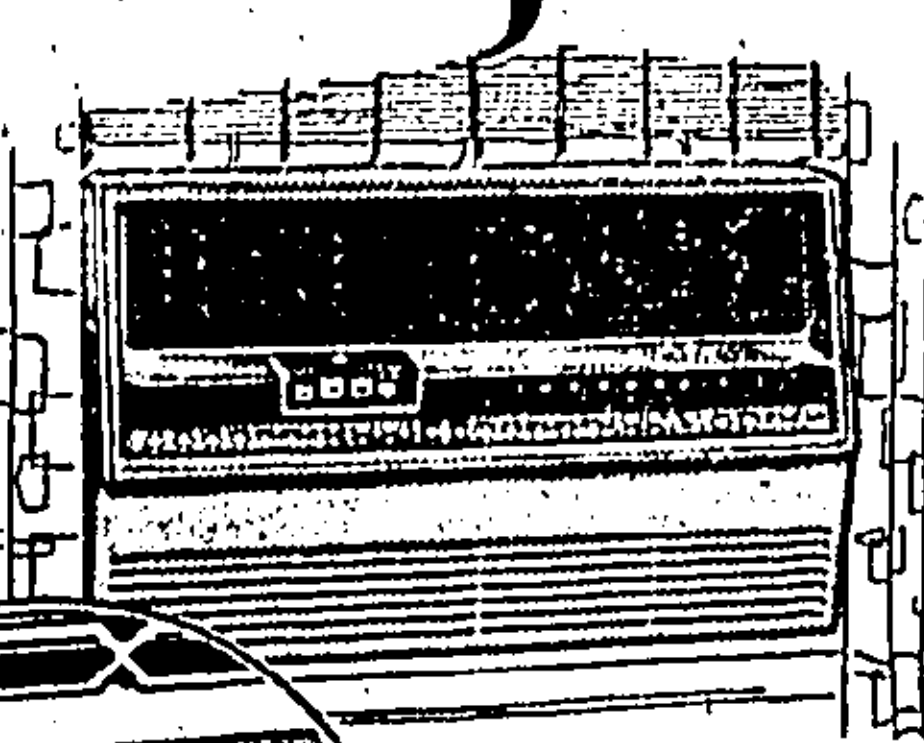
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Wimbledon Needs Personalities And Punch

Says ERIC NICHOLLS

The little man with the multi-coloured bow tie bit deeper into his fat cigar and drawled through the corner of his mouth: "It sure has been a disappointing fortnight."

It was the last day of Wimbledon. Already the courts were being covered with plant tarps. Soon the head groundsman and his staff would begin the long job ahead of preparing the courts for next year's session of the world's premier tennis tournament.

The man with the bow tie was an American. You would have thought he would have been satisfied. For hadn't a fellow countryman and woman captured the major titles this year. Yet, in many ways, he expressed the feelings of us all.

It was a disappointing Wimbledon. There was plenty of good tennis. But very few matches could be labelled championship class.

Giant killings were few, and with the odd exception the big boys marched through their respective events without encountering many obstacles.

IN SHORT SUPPLY

Personalities—in short supply—came and went in the early rounds. Darlene Hard, the 19-year-old Californian Miss with the infectious smile sought to cheer us until the semi-finals of the singles and doubles. But for

the rest it was the same serious faces.

There was the Australian brigade for whom raising an eyebrow appeared to be an effort. There were the Americans whose tennis abilities were never in doubt, but who, with the exception of Arthur Ashe, hardly raised a smile between them.

We were treated to the usual antics from laughing boy Freddie Huber, quite justifiably named the "Danny Key" of Wimbledon. And before she changed into prim and proper shorts, we had a brief glimpse of pink petticoat and lace panties in "Gorgeous Gussie" style, worn by Lea Pericoli of Italy.

But that's as far as glamour went. Sport is a serious business. Even the allegedly amateur sport on Wimbledon's lush green courts requires tremendous concentration. But oh, how we would love to see a few more Darlene Hards. As a tennis player Darlene has a lot to learn. But when it comes to entertaining a 17,000 crowd packed into Wimbledon's Centre Court, she has no betters.

When she is not fixing her hair, she is bounding about the court like a 12-year-old school-girl. She jumps with joy after a particularly brilliant shot has scored a point. She kisses her racket, gives her thigh a determined slap, or lets out a high pitched girlish yell when she fails to reach a ball.

Even in defeat this "darling of Wimbledon" smiles.

WORTHY CHAMPION

Despite his one-sided final, Trabert is a worthy Champion. To get through a tournament like Wimbledon without dropping a set is a fine achievement.

Where will he go now? The professional net is cast. Sooner or later Trabert will take the plunge. Of that I feel certain. After all he has crossed his last hurdle by winning Wimbledon. But how soon remains to be seen. Trabert says he will wait until after the Davis Cup round and American Championships in September before making such a move.

Presuming Trabert turns professional with most of the older brigade such as Jaroslav Drobny, Doris Hart, Budge Patty, four times Women's Champion Louise Brough, nearing the end of their reign, the young Australians have every chance to take over next year.

First there is Ken Rosewall. He went out so unexpectedly to Denmark's Kurt Nielsen after being labelled "favourite" following brilliant victories over Sven Davidson, the passing shot stylist from Stockholm, and Wimbledon veteran Budge Patty.

But Rosewall is still only 20. Last year he sensationally defeated Tony Trabert in the semi-finals before going down to Drobny in the final. This year he looked all set for the title until Nielsen ended his hopes.

I maintain he would have been in this year's final, but for one thing—Rosewall has no "big" service. His back-hand must be about the best in the business. His general court craft and forehand volleying are not far behind.

Rosewall is the only member of the Australian team with a suspect service.

It was most noticeable in his singles semi-final with Kurt Nielsen. It was painfully obvious in the all-Australian doubles final when the vital breaks by Hoad and Hartwig in the first two sets were all made on Rosewall's service.

EVERYTHING BUT

Power of service is one of the Australian trump cards. Yet there is a player who is streets ahead of all the others, and if I may say so, well ahead of most of the Americans in everything but service.

If Rosewall can put that right he'll be Champion yet.

Discoveries of 1955? I rate Italy's 20-year-old Pietrangeli the finest untested prospect. Pietrangeli has the strokes. All he lacks is big match experience.

There was Beverly Fleitz, the only Miss to reach a Wimbledon final in 30 years. Beverly rocked the tennis world by the ease with which she beat favourite Doris Hart in the women's semi-final.

But these sweeping forehand drives down the sidelines—Beverly switches her racket from hand to hand, playing no backhand—which swept Doris Hart off court, were useless against Louise Brough in the final. For when it comes to overhand play, especially at the net, Beverly seems to lose complete control and more often than not the ball ends up snugly against the net.

And what of the Davis Cup, if Wimbledon form is to be taken as a guide? I fancy the Australians. They look a more formidable combination than the Americans for whom Vic Seixas has lost his old form.

But whatever the outcome of the Davis Cup matches, we must have fresh blood next year if Wimbledon is to retain its title as the world's No. 1 tennis show-place. (London Express Service)

THE FOURTH TIME



Miss Louise Brough holds her trophy as she chats to fellow American Mrs. Beverly Fleitz after beating her in two straight sets (7-5, 8-6) in the Women's Singles final of the Lawn Tennis Championships at Wimbledon. This was the fourth time Miss Brough had won the title.—Reuterphoto.

NOW SHE'S NOT SO CERTAIN

Miss Brough Had Thought She Had Quite Enough

All Wimbledon stood and cheered when 32-year-old Louise Brough, Champion in 1948, 1949 and 1950, unexpectedly regained the Women's Singles crown. For the woman she defeated—her Los Angeles rival, Mrs. Beverly Fleitz—had beaten "Broughie" four times in four previous encounters.

And Mrs. Fleitz is seven years younger than Miss Brough.

No wonder the orchestra played the old Maurice Chevalier tune "The birds in the trees" when she was crowned. They whisper Louise when she danced the victory solo dance with Tony Trabert to open the LTA's Wimbledon prize-giving ball.

But few people realised how close popular Louise was to not getting her name on the singles honours roll for the fourth time. She had two moments when the Championship trembled in the balance.

First was when she was dubious about entering Wimbledon at all. Then she decided to make a final bid in this year's weakish field.

Although the American LTA did not pay her expenses, she was subsidised by Wimbledon. So she came "for the last time," though in the flush of victory she has since reconsidered and now wants to come again.

VITAL POINT

The second time the championship was in doubt was at 3-2 in the second set when a controversial call gave her a vital point that virtually saved her the set and match.

Mrs. Fleitz won the next three games, which means that she might have won the set 6-3. If the match had gone to a third set, Mrs. Fleitz would

Mrs. Wiseley Wins Glover Cup

Mrs. E. M. Wiseley won the Glover Cup by her victory over Mrs. E. W. Brooks in the final played last week over the Royal Hongkong Golf Club, Deep Water Bay Course.

This trophy, which was originally known as the "Happy Valley Cup," was presented by Mrs. F. Glover in 1935 and played for over the Happy Valley Course. It is now offered for competition in an 18-hole knockout on handicap at Deep Water Bay.

THE GAMBOLE



SUMMER LEAGUE SOFTBALL

Fred Diesta's Rookies Put Up A Very Promising Display Against Jaguars

Fred Diesta's team of rookies, representing the Filipino Club, gave a good performance when the youngsters extended Eddie Barros' Jaguars, losing by 18-6 in the Summer Softball League game at King's Park yesterday.

On their first showing against South China last week, the youthful Filipino Club softballers received a big thrashing at 20-3, but yesterday they produced better sense of timing and judgment in batting and fielding against the Jaguars and at the end of the seventh inning the youngsters had hit Vic Pedruco and Jock Brown no fewer than seven times.

Jaguars' superiority was not surprising. But the manner in which the youngsters fought back gallantly deserves praise. Of the four King George V School softballers, 16-year-old Ryder Gelz at shortstop was the most impressive.

Ryder stole the spotlight by clubbing a two-run homer in the seventh and topped the batting department by clotting a three-bagger in the initial canno.

Left fielder Bruce Carlson's quick thinking saved the Filipino Club from sustaining a bigger margin of defeat. He never muffed a fly in the seven-inning game. Centre-fielder Gregory Lawrence also displayed intelligence at fielding while first-baseman Jimmy Be-tote was quick in handling pegs from second and third.

The four KGV players, on their first season's appearance in the Summer Softball League, should improve if given the necessary competitive experience.

Of the Filipino Club team itself, only four members had played in the regular Junior League of the Hongkong Softball Association. They are second baseman John Cheng, catcher Miguel Ferras, third baseman Antonio Ribeiro and right-fielder Fred Diesta Jr. All the boys are under the coaching of Fred Diesta.

HIGHLIGHTS

The game itself had its highlights. Gussy Pereira, first sacker of the Jaguars, clubbed a one-over-the-right field fence, scoring catcher Igar Erickson in the seventh canno.

A clever double-play by the youngsters was seen in the sixth when Dick Chaves was forced out at 2nd when Arturo Ozorio filed.

Although pitcher Dante Santana showed enthusiasm, he lacked control and was frequently wild on his pitches. However, he could derive satisfaction from his success yesterday in fanning Dick Chaves and Mario Pereira twice. Chaves later redeemed himself by earning a two-base hit.

The Jaguars jumped to a substantial 4-0 lead in the first inning, mainly on the sloppy fielding of the Filipino Club infielders who found it difficult to settle down. Ozorio singled to first, Benito Ortiz next filed, advancing Ozorio to third.

A hit to shortstop by Vic Pedruco scored both Ozorio and Omar respectively for the first two runs.

Gerry Langenberg singled, setting Pedruco for the third run. Gerry himself reached first. Mario Pereira hit to third base and Tony Ribeiro fumbled.

SWIMMING

Hungarian Girl Sets New World Record

Vienna, July 13.

Hungary's Eva Sukely set up a new world record of 5 minutes, 40.8 seconds for the women's 400 Metres Medley swimming record at Budapest today, the Austrian press agency reported.

The former record of 5 minutes, 47.3 seconds was set up by Holland's Mary Kok on March 28 this year.

Sukely had the following timings: Butterfly stroke 1 minute 17.3 seconds; Backstroke 1 minute 31.2 seconds; Breaststroke 1 minute 30.5 seconds; and Crawl 1 minute 21.5 seconds.—France-Press.

SIDELINE HONOURS

Summing up, coach Eddie Barros of the Jaguars took sideline honours by coaching the nine youngsters in the art of batting while Fred Diesta gave sound counsel in fielding.

It was a game which saw the Jaguars more polished in almost every phase of the game, but the youngsters in turn outshone the Jaguars in enthusiasm.

Well watched by a handful of veterans of the sport, the general belief is that the youngsters more than made up for their lack of skill by their eagerness to learn the finer points of softball.

THE TEAMS

Jaguars: Pitcher—Vic Pedruco (Jock Brown, 4th); Catcher—Ignar Erickson (Dick Chaves 4th) 1st baseman—Gus Pereira; 2nd baseman—Arturo Ozorio (Gerry Langenberg 4th); 3rd baseman—Benito Omar (Ignar Erickson 4th); Shortstop—Dick Chaves (Pedruco 4th); Leftfielder—Langenberg (Ozorio 4th); Centrefielder—Mario Pereira; Rightfielder—Lino Marques.

Filipino Club: Pitcher—Dante Santana; Catcher—Miguel Ferras (La Salle); 1st baseman—Jimmy Be-tote (KGV); 2nd baseman—John Cheng (La Salle); 3rd baseman—Antonio Ribeiro (La Salle); Shortstop—Ryder Gelz (KGV); Leftfielder—Bruce Carlson.

FRENCH OPEN GOLF

Three Tie For First Place After Second Round

Paris, July 13.

American golf star Byron Nelson and two Britishers, Harry Weetman and Harry Bradshaw, tied for first place with 134 after the second round French International Open Golf Championship, at La Bouille Links, today.

Nelson had 69 and 65, Bradshaw had 69-65, Weetman had 68-66.

Flory Von Dönek, defending champion, 137 (67-70); Jean Garalde, France, 138 (67-71); Ken Nagle, Australia, 139 (68-70); and Dai Rees, England, 139 (68-71).

Henry de Lamaze, France, 140 (72-68); Peter Allis, England, 140 (68-72); Ken Boulfield, England, 140 (70-70); Antonio Cerdá, Argentina, 140 (71-69).

Other placings after 2nd round were: 14—J. Gallardo Jimenez, Spain, 142 (67-75); 15—Hassan Hassanain, Egypt, 144 (72-72); 16—Sebastien Miguel, Spain, 147 (74-73); 17—Namen Aly, Egypt, 148 (72-76); 18—Celles Potente, Spain, 148 (76-72); 19—Angel Miguel, Spain, 151 (74-77).

HKBA MEETING

The Hongkong Badminton Association's 14th Executive Committee Meeting will be held on July 19 at 8.30 p.m. at Marina House.

His Own Horse Kicked Him

Ascot, England, July 13. Prince Aly Khan was kicked by one of his horses during the Royal Ascot meeting here today. He was wounded and knocked to the ground for about a minute.

He had gone into the paddock to see his horse, Martine, before the Coronation Stakes when the incident occurred.

A doctor was called over the loudspeaker but Prince Aly Khan refused any attention and walked back to the stand to watch the race.

"It is always stupid to be kicked by a horse," he said afterwards, "but the height of stupidity is to be kicked by one of your own."—China Mail Special.

Only Six Riders Left In British Team And 108 In The Race

Thonon-Les-Bains, July 13.

Plucky 31-year-old Stan Jones of Birmingham rolled into an empty stadium here tonight to finish the seventh lap of the Tour De France cycling marathon over 167 miles from Zurich.

The crowd had gone and only a handful of workers clearing up the stadium were there to give him a clasp and shout "Vive L'Angleterre."

There were no time-keepers to clock him in as he arrived some 92 minutes after the lap winner, Jones said: "I had three punctures and the thunderstorm and wind were against me."

Asked why he kept on, Jones simply said: "I just didn't want to quit."

Diets of the 11 de France team arrived two minutes before Jones. They were eliminated from the race. They had arrived well outside the time limit (the winner's time plus ten per cent of that time. There are now six riders left in the British team and 108 in the race.

Jones had his first puncture 500 yards from the start. Bob Maitland (Birmingham) Ian Steel (Glasgow) and Tony Hoar (Emsworth) waited for him. A violent thunderstorm hit them as they went after the pack.

TORRENTIAL RAINS

Battling against torrential rains Maitland took the hills in his stride to leave Steel, Jones and Hoar to pace it out themselves.

After a tough and terrific 20 miles, Maitland caught up with the pack. The other three lost the opportunity and never saw the pack again.

But Maitland's luck was out. Only 30 miles from the finish, the pack took a sharp turning as they swept down a hill at Vevy, Maitland was at the end

Queen's Colt Wins King George V Stakes

Ascot Berkshire, July 13. Queen Elizabeth saw her colt, Hardacre, win the King George V Stakes here this afternoon to the tumultuous applause of a record crowd. It was the first Royal victory of this year's Ascot meeting.

As the brown colt raced to a length victory over Moss Green, well backed runner of Mr. Herman Goldhamer, a New York show manufacturer, a sea of grey flags rose in the air in traditional fashion.

The Royal success was all the more welcome to pursuers of the Hardacre, ridden by Champion jockey Douglas Smith, was 7-4 favourite and he was the first favourite of the afternoon to win.—China Mail Special.

KRISHNAN WINS THE HARD WAY

Newport, July 10. At Krishnan's 10th year, he had a hard fight to win the Newport Tennis Championships. He beat the 11-year-old Vic Seixas in a 3-2 victory.—France-Press.

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BUTTER SMUGGLERS USE PLANES

Belgians Increase Holland Border Patrol

Brussels, July 13.

Belgium's "butter-war" is again becoming active along the country's north-east frontier as police clash almost daily with smugglers in an attempt to stop the illicit traffic.

They have recently used everything from aircraft to horse-drawn carts to get cheap Dutch butter across the frontier.

Aircraft are the smugglers' latest innovation, of which the police were unexpectedly made aware recently. Inhabitants north of Ghent were woken one night by the sound, low overhead, of a light aircraft plane which circled for several minutes before force-landing in a field.

Three Dutchmen stepped out unharmed by the noise, run up. Peering into the plane he discovered about 600 kilograms (1,320 lbs) of butter and several dozen bottles of spirit stowed carefully away in the fuselage.

The men were arrested and the plane and its goods impounded.

ARMOURD CARS

More often the smugglers use armoured cars to crash through frontier barricades at speeds of over 80 kilometres (50 miles) an hour with hundreds of kilograms of butter ready to be sold at the Belgian market price.

Protected by armour-plating, the smugglers drive through the frontier posts under a hail of fire from police and customs officers who pursue them in cars. These pursuits have led to epic chases recently, reminiscent of the best gangster films.

One such chase had the inhabitants of a small Belgian border town running for their lives as an armoured car tore through the streets at night under fire from a police car which had chased it for more than 15 kilometres (10 miles).

The smuggler, driving with some skill as the police later admitted, suddenly saw a customs lorry trying to cut him off in front. He drove straight at the lorry which just had time to get out of the way but he himself ran into a house.

Calmly reversing his armoured car the smuggler drove back onto the road and made off again at full speed in the dark and was never seen again.

The police, however, are usually more successful in getting the booty, though the smugglers themselves frequently manage to escape by abandoning their cars.

TRAPPED

One smuggler, trapped between two police cars at night, put his lorry into first gear, turned his headlights full on, and jumped out of the vehicle. The lorry nearly crashed into one police car whose driver was blinded by its headlights. The police, who thought the smuggler was going to give himself up, did not realise the lorry was driverless until he had already escaped over the fields.

The smugglers very often spread the road behind them with nails in an attempt to cut off pursuit.

Police have on more than one occasion found a blood-stained and bullet-riddled armoured car abandoned near a road. The driver had usually managed to get out of the car and hide with the numerous "friends" who care for them in secret hide-outs along the border.

Butter-smuggling is not only on a large scale, but is highly organised. Police state that in some small border villages efficient "look-out services" give warning of the approach of flying squadrons which now patrol the frontier day and night.

As much Dutch butter is probably smuggled into Belgium by people crossing the frontier on foot as is brought in the more sensational way by armoured car and plane.

IN FLOWERS

Customs officers searching people crossing the border discovered 10 kilograms (about 22 lbs) of butter hidden in a pot of chrysanthemums, which a "widow" was taking to place on her husband's grave across the frontier.

Several "pregnant" women have been arrested recently and obliged to surrender anything up to 18 kilograms (nearly 40 lbs) of butter when stripped.

The traffic is highly profitable as many small border villages feature. Humble cot-

tages, whose inhabitants are supposed to be living on the output of a couple of cows or goats and a small garden, can show off refrigerators and other expensive household gadgets.

One Belgian "butter king," who began his career single-handed with an old bicycle, ended it with a fleet of cars. Then he was caught red-handed and sentenced to 14 years in prison. He was also fined 2,000,000 francs (about £14,000 sterling).

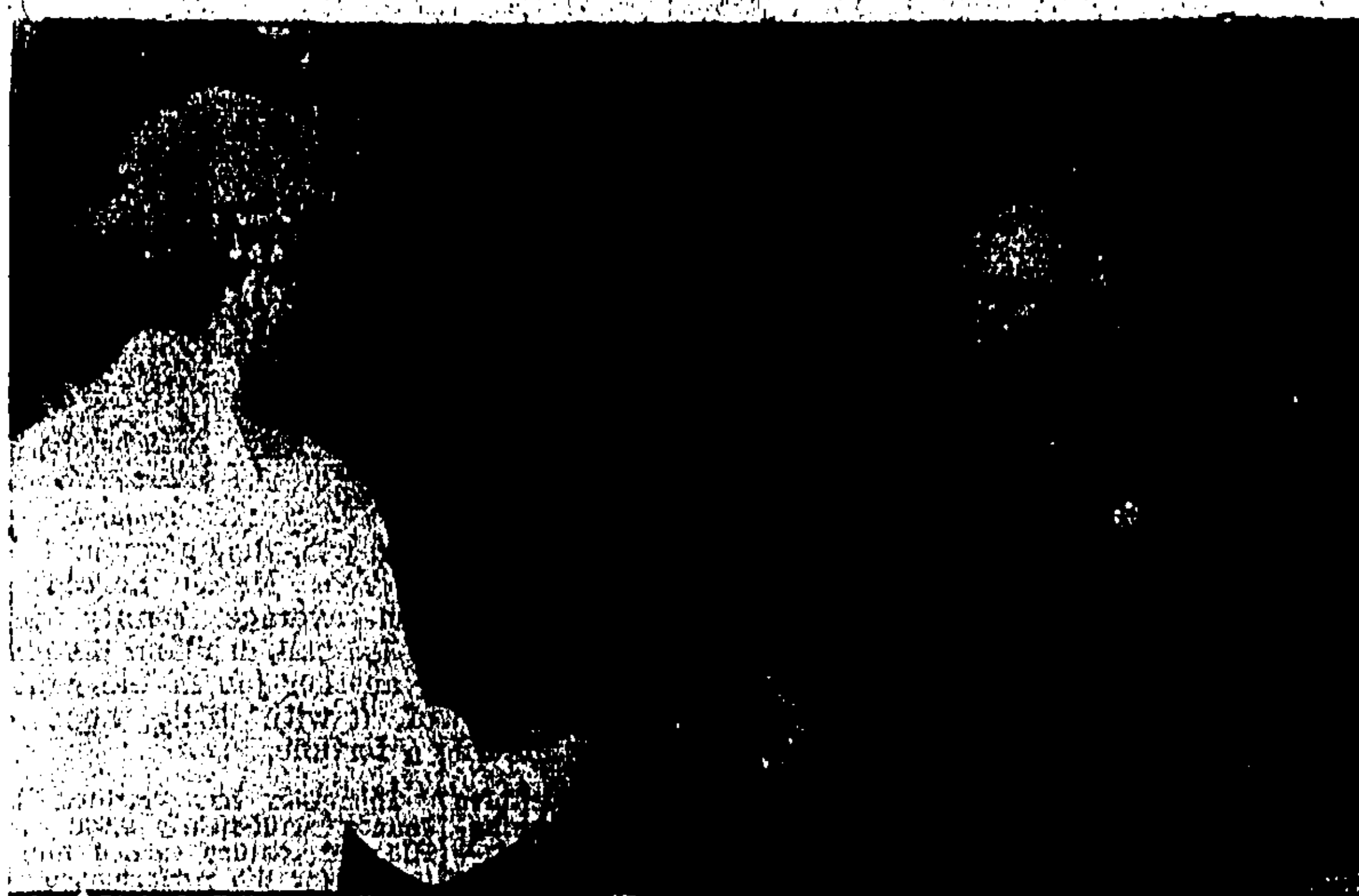
CLOSE SECOND

Coffee smuggling from Belgium to Germany runs the illicit butter trade across the Belgian-Dutch border a close second.

Dutch spirits and cattle, often stamped across the frontier, are also profitable items on the smugglers' lists.

Despite increased vigilance by Belgian police and customs officers the smuggling is certain to continue as long as price differences exist between Belgium and her neighbours.

With butter in Belgium costing about 70 francs (10 shillings sterling) a kilogramme, which is nearly double the Dutch price, the smugglers do a profitable trade. And as Belgians claim to be the largest butter eaters in the world, with an average consumption of 12 kilograms (26 lbs) a year, the smugglers are always sure of a market.



"TEDDY BOY" ACTIVITIES

London, July 13.

Police chiefs have ordered a complete report on the activities of the capital's gangs of "teddy boys," many of whom rove the streets looking for trouble.

Senior local officers have been asked to send in detailed accounts of the situation in all districts of the metropolis.

An overall report will then be drawn up and sent to the Home Office. A question about teddy boy incidents is to be asked in the House of Commons next week. — China Mail Special.

Mr. Richard Barham Boyd Tollymore, CBE, the new British Ambassador in Nepal, seen presenting his credentials to King Mahendra Bir Bikram Shah Dev of Nepal. In the background, Nepal Mr. Tollymore, who was formerly British Consul-General in Belgian Congo stationed at Leopoldville, accompanied Sir Christopher Sumner, KBE, as British Ambassador in Nepal. — Express Photo.

Mickey Spillane's Books Seized

Wellington, July 13.

Police and policewomen in several New Zealand towns today confiscated books and magazines featuring crime, sex and violence.

Books seized included those of American crime writer Mickey Spillane and health and physical magazines with pictures of nudes. — China Mail Special.

US Cotton Committee Meets

Washington, July 13.

The Agriculture Department's Cotton Export Advisory Committee today met with Agriculture Department officials.

The meeting was private and Department officials would make no announcement on what was discussed.

But it was understood a final recommendation for a cotton export policy for the new cotton year beginning on August 1 was drafted and would be submitted to the Secretary, Mr. Ezra Benson. Mr. Benson was out of town and did not attend today's meeting.

The Export Advisory Committee was established by Mr. Benson at the end of May to advise him on a new cotton export policy. — Reuter.

Gaza: The Frontier Of Frustration

Gaza, July 13.

The "train to nowhere" halted with a jerk and a banging of couplings, throwing up a flurry of sand. "We've come off the rails," said the ticket inspector. "There will be a delay."

A derailment is no cause for alarm on the 250-mile journey by day across the great Sinai Desert from Cairo to Gaza. When the wind blows hard overnight parts of the single line are often buried in windblown sand by morning.

It is the biblical Wilderness of Shur, this northern corner of the Sinai, a wilderness of white sand dunes, scorching sun and blue sky. Here and there, those ever-moving hills have overwhelmed a little oasis, leaving only the yellow top fronds of the swaying palm trees towering above.

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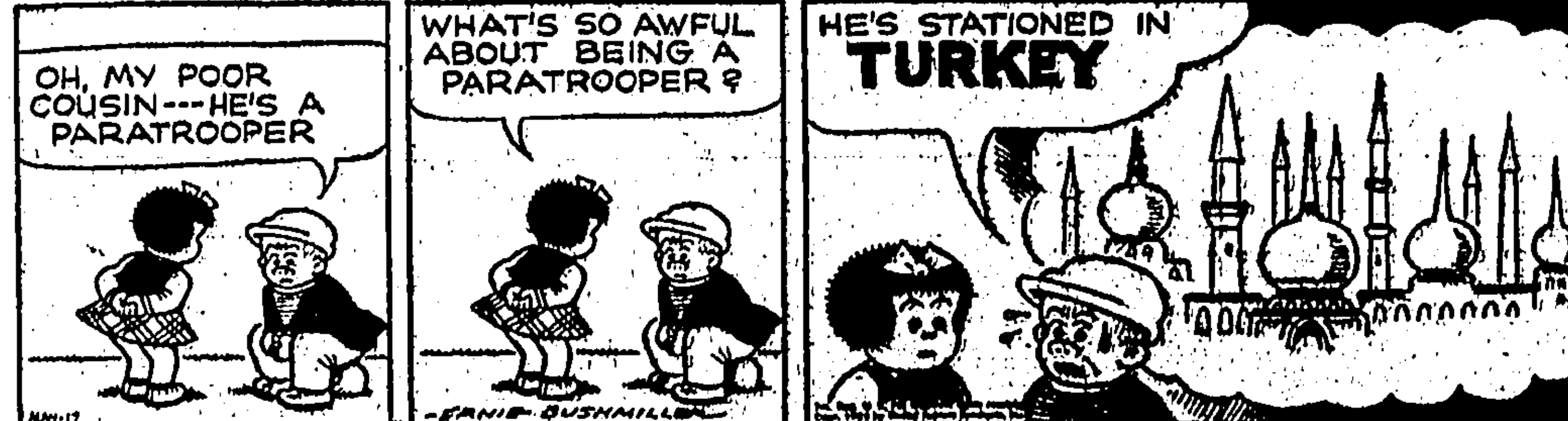
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Gaza, July 13.

The "train to nowhere" halted with a jerk and a banging of couplings, throwing up a flurry of sand. "We've come off the rails," said the ticket inspector. "There will be a delay."

A derailment is no cause for alarm on the 250-mile journey by day across the great Sinai Desert from Cairo to Gaza. When the wind blows hard overnight parts of the single line are often buried in windblown sand by morning.

It is the biblical Wilderness of Shur, this northern corner of the Sinai, a wilderness of white sand dunes, scorching sun and blue sky. Here and there, those ever-moving hills have overwhelmed a little oasis, leaving only the yellow top fronds of the swaying palm trees towering above.

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